

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended. It is submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 29, 2009.

Examiner's Interview

Applicants gratefully appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Roberts to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview conducted on April 8, 2010.

In accordance with the agreement reached during the interview which is indicated in the Interview Summary dated April 13, 2010, independent claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended.

For example, the following disclosures are believed to provide support for amendment of claims 1 and 6:

- (i) page 2, line 22 to page 3, line 1
- (ii) page 3, lines 8-11
- (iii) page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 4
- (iv) Fig. 5

In other words, Fig. 5 of the present application describes the operation of the embodiment in which the period changing operation is done (step S1), when the period changing instruction is for shortening the image reproducing period, the issuer issues the image renewal instruction (steps S7 and S17), and when the period changing instruction is for extending the image reproducing period, the issuer stops issuing the image renewal instruction (arrows under steps S9 and S13).

Amendment of claim 7 is supported by, for example, claim 9 and the specification (page 7, lines 20-21 and page9, lines 19-20).

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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